

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday, 10th May 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr D Paine Chairman
 Mr T Bell
 Mr N Gowler
 Mr D McCreadie
 Mr D Oldale
 Mrs J Paxton
 Mr A Perkins
 Mr C Racey
 Mr K Sisman
 Clerk, Cllr Victor Lucas and one member of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr J Rignall. Mr G Hillman had sent email to Mr Paine advising that he was stepping down from the Parish Council due to work commitments.

2. Appointment of Officers

Chairman – Mr Bell proposed Mr Paine, seconded by Mr McCreadie (4 votes for, 1 abstention)

Vice Chairman – Mr McCreadie proposed Mrs Paxton, seconded by Mr Bell (7 votes for)

Tree Officer – Mr Paine proposed Mr Racey, seconded by Mr Perkins (all in favour)

Police Liaison – Mr Oldale proposed Mr Sisman, seconded by Mrs Paxton (all in favour)

3. Declarations of Interest

Mr Racey declared an interest in the planning item re land between 58 and 60A High Street, Upwood.

4. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 12th April 2010

Mr Oldale pointed out that the Minutes should read that it was the consensus of the members present that a site meeting should have been held. Clerk then read out letter received from Mr Lummis at HDC. Subject to the amendment above, the Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising

On the subject of the cemetery entrance and gates, Mr Racey commented that he was completely disappointed, but said that the Parish Council must move on. Mr Racey commented that the block pavements on the higher side could have been lowered making everything then square with the gates. Mr Gray had used two different colours and again

it was disappointing that the bricks were not mixed as they were laid. Mr Gowler said that such a deviation in colour was not usually so apparent in same batch. Mr Racey commented that the old piece of concrete at the back should have been removed. He suggests that the gates are removed and longer pins fitted rather than a plate he felt this could present a trip hazard. Mr Racey further commented that it was disgraceful that the invoice has been settled in view of the fact that the Parish Council is not happy with the standard of work carried out.

Mr Paine commented that during a conversation with Mr Lummis, Mr Lummis seemed unhappy that he was questioning his judgement. Mr Paine advised that he had spoken to Fenland Ironworks who advised that the gates had been powder coated and any alteration to the gates would involve the gates being powder coated again. Mr Gowler queried why Mr Paine was defensive of the builder; Mr Paine replied that he was not.

Mr Sisman commented that he was concerned at the lack of democracy; the Parish Council represents the residents. Mr Sisman further commented he had issues with the way HDC had dealt with the matter.

Mr Gowler stated that the job had been handed over to the Parish Council.

Mr Sisman commented that the Parish Council has a grievance with the fact that its concerns over the quality of the workmanship have not been taken into account.

Mr Bell suggested that a summary of events is sent to him and he will take the matter up with Mr Lummis' superior.

Mr McCreadie queried the situation with Wistow Road. Mr Lucas replied that a survey was due to be done about now, and the final dressing due to be applied, but not sure when this will be.

Mr Oldale queried whether Clerk had ordered the salt bins. Clerk replied that she had not and will do so immediately.

6. Correspondence

HDC – letter – Small Scale Environmental Improvement Schemes – Upwood Cemetery access

Upwood and The Raveleys Village Hall – letter – thanking PC for donation

HDC – remittance advice re precept

CCC – email – Information – the National Byway

HDC – letter – advice of appeal re Manor Farm Bungalow Upwood

St Ives Library – email – The Doorstep Service

CCC – letter – Disabled Parking Place Order 2010

HDC – letter and leaflets - Huntingdonshire Communities Festival

Hinchingbrooke Spring Music leaflets

SMP Fitness – various leaflets play equipment

Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd – leaflet (bus shelters)
Whitehouse Enterprises – outdoor furniture and play equipment catalogue
Luminus Group – Headlines newsletter April 2010 Issue 15
Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2010 newsletter
CPALC – Membership News 2010-11
COPE Newsletter No.66

7. Cheques

Mr L Gray	£319.50
Aon Limited	£1,212.23
Clerk	£373.85

8. Maintenance

Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Mr Papworth regarding work on the trees in the churchyard

Mrs Paxton commented on the footpath leading from the church to Ailwine Road. Elder tree needs attention. Mr Racey asked for this to be an agenda item for October meeting, but in the meantime the Clerk to contact Highways to request that they check and make good as appropriate.

9. Planning

H/05005/10CC - Extension to the school for the provision of a Children's Centre by erecting 2 replacement classrooms – Upwood CP School Ramsey Road Upwood PE26 2QA – *approves of plans put forward*

1000581FUL – Detached dwelling and erection of detached garage to serve No. 60A Land between 58 and 60A Huntingdon Road Upwood Cambridgeshire - *no observations either in favour or against the proposal*

10. Any Other Business

Mr Paine commented that he felt sure Councillors were aware of the fact that Mr Rignall was in hospital. Clerk advised that flowers were sent to him at Papworth Hospital for 1st May. Mr Oldale then brought members up to date with his condition.

Mr McCreadie mentioned a possible blocked drain at the top of the junction of Great Raveley Road. Clerk to inform Highways.

Mr Gowler raised the question of the parish notice boards and who had access to them. Concerned that notices pertaining to the Parish Council were being obscured by other notices. Clerk to contact Gordon Slinn to see if he has a key. Mr McCreadie advised that he had a key to the notice board at Great Raveley.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm